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Melinda Latta Western Review

It was all about colour, glue and glitter at the Rotary Children's Library last week where children and families came together to decorate Christmas ornaments. See more pictures from the day of festive fun on pg. 18.

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news

County to sign regional agreement with Drayton Valley and Breton

News from the Dec. 16 Brazeau County regular council meeting

Lesley Ailan
Western Review

REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Council passed a motion to approve administration to proceed with arranging the signing of the Regional Communications Protocol by all council members from Brazeau County, the Town of Drayton Valley, and the Village of Breton. The purpose of the agreement is to share resources, expertise, risks and benefits associated with later-municipal efforts on behalf of their residents. The goal of council is the use collaboration between the involved municipalities to gain the optimum cost while serving residents better by not duplicating efforts and sharing resources for current and future expenditures.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

During the regular council meeting on Dec. 16, council passed a motion to donate a silent auction item up to the value of \$250 for the Camo and Bling fundraising event for the Breton Community Centre.

Council also passed a motion to support the Drayton Valley Volleyball Club U14 Girls team by providing sponsorship of \$500 to go towards their team expenses.

WATER TREATMENT

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Rocky Rapids Water Treatment was scheduled for Feb. 19. When finalized specific details will be provided at a later date.

OHV INPUT

An advertisement will be placed in the newspapers inviting written comments

on the proposed OHV Bylaw with a Jan. 9 deadline for submissions.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Council approved first, second and third reading, passing Bylaw 857-14 the 2015 schedule of fees. Passed around to administration for recommendations prior to going to council, the schedule had multiple changes made to it including one that will see ratepayers who don't apply for permits prior to doing developments on their property being required to pay three times the fee when they do apply for one.

MESSAGE BOARDS

Council increased the 2015 budget by \$8,000 in order to install message boards at transfer stations throughout the county. The boards will be used to post information about what is happening in the area and will be made out of metal for longevity.

REDISTRICTING

Council approved second and third reading of Bylaw 852-14 proposing Lot B, Block 1, Plan 1909 KS within Part of S5 S-60-10-W5M (approximately 8.6 acres, or 3.5 hectares) be redistricted from Light Industrial to Urban Reserve District to accommodate the placement of a Brazeau County Communications Tower.

THUNDER IN THE VALLEY

A motion was passed to have administration set up a date for the Northern Thunder Classic Auto Club to visit council and do a presentation about how the County will be involved as Thunder in the Valley moves ahead following the Rotary Club of Drayton stepping aside as co-organizers.

OLD PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

A motion was passed to approve repairs to the roof of the old public works shop building for \$183,093.20. Administration recommended the repairs in order to extend the life of the building and prevent further damage

while the County looks at the possibility for the building's future use.

WASTE ROUNDUPS

Two household hazardous waste roundups were scheduled for June 13 and June 26 following the success that was seen previous years when the service was offered.

MEETINGS

Council scheduled the 10 Year Road

Plan/Capital Plan Meeting for Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Council scheduled the Annual General Meeting for June 2 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The next regular council meetings will be held Jan. 6 and Jan. 20. All Council meetings are open to the public.

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CIVIC CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS
Our office will be closed the following days during the holiday season:
Thursday, December 25
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We'd like to wish all of our residents and visitors to our community a wonderful and safe holiday season!

JUST A FEW REMINDERS...
WHEN THE SNOW FALLS PLEASE...
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ATTENTION RESIDENTS

Please be advised that, due to the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays falling on regular scheduled waste collection days, there will be the following changes:

Christmas Day Collection
will be picked up on Sat., Dec. 27, 2014
Recycling will be collected Fri., Dec. 26 and Sat., Dec. 27

New Year's Day Collection
will be picked up on Sat., Jan. 3, 2015
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news

Petition now in hands of Municipal Affairs

Residents submit petition with 1,800 signatures

Lesley Allan
Western Review

It's been over two months since a group of concerned citizens started approaching fellow Brazeau County residents to sign a petition requesting that Alberta Municipal Affairs perform a governance review on the County.

Due to the beginning of December and requiring approximately 1,400 signatures, the petition and reasoning behind the request

now sit in the hands of Municipal Affairs.

"We received it on Nov. 27, it was delivered here to my office in Edmonton," says Municipal Affairs Minister Diana McQueen. "The process now is that it's been given to the staff in Municipal Affairs and they'll go through it to validate the petition and then bring it back and say if it's a valid petition and it would go forward with recommendations."

Unsure of exactly how long the process will take, when it comes to petition's validity, McQueen says the department tries to get through the process quickly but with the holidays it will take longer than normal.

"It varies somewhat, we're in the Christmas season as [but]

they'll try to do it as fast as they can, she says.

Although she is the Minister of Municipal Affairs, McQueen says she is not involved with the validation process, which is important especially with Brazeau County falling under her constituency as MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly).

"As minister I stay out of that process," she says. "The department [bring a recommendation to me but as far as going through all of the validation process], that's mostly what the department does and ministers don't get involved in that."

And particularly, it's my constituency as well," McQueen adds. "So you really want to make sure that the process is followed exactly like it should be,

just like the department always does."

With little to say, McQueen shares that until the petition is reviewed, all residents need to know is that it has been received and will be closely inspected.

"I think what's important is that they know we've received

the petition," she says. "It was hand delivered and it's now going through that validation process and through the normal process that the ministry would go through."

"We will let people know once that process is over," added McQueen.

Updating council on the status the petition, Lynn Oberle, one of the residents spear heading the efforts, attended the Brazeau County regular council meeting on Dec. 16 where he informed those sitting in chambers that volunteers were able to collect 1,800 signatures.

Family safe after fire

News from Drayton Valley/ Brazeau County Fire Services

Barbara Latta
Western Review

Last week Drayton Valley/ Brazeau County Fire Services responded to a structure fire at the Pleasant View Mobile Home where the trailer of a family who was living there was destroyed. No one was injured in the incident and according to Murray Galvan, deputy fire chief of operations, the blaze is still under investigation. He added the origin of the fire was in the living room where the Christmas Tree was set up.

There was smoke and heat damage in the trailer with furniture being burned down.

Many local people were ready to help the family that was effected, with donations and accommodations according to various local Facebook groups.

The Western Review will have more on the incident in the next week's edition of the paper.

STATS

A request from Stars Landing came in on Dec. 11. The Drayton Valley/ Brazeau County Fire Services requested Tomahawk Fire Services to respond to the

call since they were closer to the location. The local firefighters ended up assisting Tomahawk Fire Department with the incident.

EXTRA PLANNING FOR SENIORS

People between the ages of 65 and 74 are twice as likely to die in a fire, people between 75 and 84 are nearly four times as likely and those who are 85 or older are nearly five times as likely to die in a fire, said the Drayton Valley/ Brazeau County Fire Services deputy fire chief of operations, Murray Galvan.

Some of the reasons for those numbers are because seniors tend to stay by themselves.

"Some of the reasons are as we get older they tend to live alone at that age," said Galvan. "We are more likely to live alone more likely to be on some type of medication and that hinders their ability to make quick decisions when there is no one around to help out."

Some other statistics show that most residential fires occur between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. Reason being, most people are at home during that time.

Deaths from residential fires occur in greater numbers between midnight and 4 a.m. because most people are asleep during that time.

A quick checklist that would help with fire safety includes having a fire escape plan and

practicing it.

"The checklist is for anyone in the general public, but is geared towards seniors and people who may have disabilities. They would have to plan a little bit more," said Galvan.

He explained smoke alarms may not be that helpful for seniors because many of them may not have seen such devices while growing up.

"As they get older they tend not to either believe in them, or trust them, or think they need them," he said.

Especially for people with disabilities who live in an apartment are never to use elevators during a fire. He asked people who may require assistance with the stairs to stay in their rooms if living in an apartment building.

"Notify the fire department that you would need help and assistance. If you cannot use the stairs, the best place to be is in your room. Because they are designed to protect you, when doors are closed it keeps smoke out. Unless the fire is in that compartment, stay there," Galvan explained.

He also asks seniors to change smoking habits if they include smoking in a favourite chair or bed and falling asleep while

"Cautious smoking is leading cause of fire death and second leading cause of injury among people age 65 and over," said Galvan.

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OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE USE BYLAW 841-14 REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT

The public is being asked to provide written feedback on their thoughts towards the proposed Off Highway Vehicle Use Bylaw 841-14. This new bylaw would authorize the operation of Off Highway Vehicles on highways, right-of-ways and municipal property in Brazeau County.

Submissions can be directed to Lee Chambers, Director of Community Services at lchambers@brazeau.ab.ca, by fax 780-542-7770 or drop off in person at the Brazeau County Administration Front Reception desk.

A copy of the current Bylaw can be obtained at the County office between the hours of 8am-5pm or at www.brazeau.ab.ca

Deadlines for written submissions is JANUARY 9, 2015.

Presentation by Administration to Council is January 20, 2015

*We thank those who have already submitted written comments.

LAND USE BYLAW STEERING COMMITTEE

CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Brazeau County is appointing County residents to serve as members-at-large on the Brazeau County Steering Committee. Council invites interested County residents to express their interest in serving on the Steering Committee and attendance at meetings is a requirement for appointment.

LAND USE BYLAW STEERING COMMITTEE

An Eleven (11) member board consisting of all Councillors (9-7) and four (4) members-at-large selected from a diversity of interests. The County desires to have letters of interest from:

- At least 1 farmer resident
- At least 1 farmer owner/operator
- At least 1 business owner located within the County
- At least 1 country residential acreage owner

Meetings will be held between January and May of 2015 with a schedule determined during the first meeting of the Steering Committee. Appointments are expected to occur on the January 6th, 2015 Council Meeting.

Residents seeking to participate on the committee must indicate their interest by submitting a completed application form available from the County office or the Brazeau County website (www.brazeau.ab.ca) to the undersigned by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 31, 2014.

Martina Verhaeghe, Director of Planning and Development
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All applications submitted will be presented to Brazeau County Council for consideration at the Council Meeting January 6, 2015.

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- Regular Council Meeting on January 6th starting at 9 am.
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting will be on January 22, 2015 starting with an information session at 9:00 am then Delegation at 10 am in the Council Chamber. Contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-542-2867 for further information. **Dates are subject to change.
- 2014 County Ownership Maps are available for \$10.00 plus GST. You may pick them up at the Administration office reception desk.
- ***All Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber and are open to the public.

Information about Brazeau County employment opportunities can be found in the employment section on our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS

The Administration Office and Public Works Facility Christmas Holiday hours are as follows:

December 24, 2014 - Closed at Noon
December 25, 2014 - Closed
December 26, 2014 - Closed
December 31, 2014 - Closed at Noon
January 1, 2015 - Closed

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council has given first reading to Bylaw 856-14, the purpose of which is to amend the text of Land Use Bylaw 782-12 to amend the variance powers granted to the Municipal Planning Commission and the Development Officer pursuant to Sections 5.3(1) and 5.3(3).

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed Bylaw 856-14 may ask questions or make their views known. The Public Hearing will be held on January 20, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1B1.

Any written submission mailed or delivered to Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1B1 or faxed to 780-542-7770 by 4:30 p.m., January 2, 2015, will be included in the Council Report. Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County. If you make a written submission, the information you provide may be made public subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

A copy of Bylaw 856-14 and the Land Use Bylaw are available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Planning & Development by telephone (780) 542-2867 or by e-mail at planning@brazeau.ab.ca.

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news

County 'grateful' for by-election extension

By-election extension approved by Municipal Affairs

Lesley Allan
Western Review

Following the resignation of former Brazeau County Reeve Pat Viss, the municipality was faced with holding a by-election within 90 days.

With Viss handing in her resignation Nov. 10, residents would have seen themselves going to polls early February had council not yet in a request for an extension.

On Dec. 11 the request from Municipal Affairs regarding the extension was announced by the County, with council being pleased by the results.

"I think we were grateful because when we do a by-election it's the same as running an election, so we have to have more than one station for people to vote at," says Acting Reeve Shirley Mahan. "It involves a lot of people, and a lot of preparation. It's not just like we can say we're holding it centrally and everybody can come to the [admin. building] to vote, we have to have all the polling stations. I think at least six. It's a lot."

Adding to sentiments

expressed by Mahan, Brazeau County CAO Marco Schoeninger says the process involved in running elections is lengthy with the size of the municipality.

"One of our biggest challenges is from a rural side, we have to have numerous voting stations, rather than just one like an urban centre or a couple in an urban centre such as the Town would have," he explains.

"We would have a minimum of six or 10 (voting stations) and a minimum of three people would be required per voting station (to work). So we would actually have to bring together 20 plus people in a very short period of time and that can be a challenge because you have to advertise and then you have to interview if you have more than the number required, and then you also have to train. It takes time."

According to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Diana McQueen, when a municipality puts in a request for a by-election extension approval is often given as long as the reasoning is legitimate.

"The department looks for why they're asking for the extension, generally it must be held within 90 days unless an extension is asked for and the municipality's rationale (makes sense)," she says.

"This just made sense from the department's point of view," McQueen continued, referring

to why the County asked for an extension. "The department looks at it and then they bring the recommendation to me as Minister and so it really was those things (they expressed). Going right into the Christmas season, budgets, and they've got a lot of work to do with the number of wants they'd have to do."

Expressing that she had only heard from a few residents regarding the requested extension, McQueen says the department reviewed the request like any other municipality and based their decision on facts.

"Certainly for our residents what's important, and I've chatted with a few of them, is that the department looked at this all first, and for me, because it's one of my counties in my constituency, I asked the department to look at it as any municipality it could be and give me their advice based on that and that's exactly what they did," she says.

With the extension now approved, Schoeninger says administration will begin to gather all information needed for council to move ahead with the election process and pick a date, which will set in place other important dates for the by-election.

"Once you determine the election date then you'll know the four weeks before for nomination day," he explains. "At the same time the number of days

under I think section 23 as to if any member of the current council wishes to run for re-election then they would have to resign their position and they would have to do it 18 days in advance of the actual nomination day, so

there are all kinds of things." Until all the information is gathered and presented to council, Schoeninger asks two things of residents who are important in the process. "Please come out and vote, and listen to the Jan. 20 meeting by then we'll have everything put together," he says.

For more information on the by-election extension approval call (780) 542-7777 or visit www.brazeau.ab.ca.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council has given first reading to Bylaw 855-14, the purpose of which is to amend Land Use Bylaw 782-12 to add "Outdoor Storage Facility" as a Discretionary Use in section 8.1(2) Commercial District.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed Bylaw 855-14 may ask questions or make their views known. The Public Hearing will be held on **January 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

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A copy of Bylaw 855-14 and the Commercial District are available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Planning & Development by telephone (780) 542-2667 or by e-mail at planning@brazeau.ab.ca.

THE COLOURS OF CHRISTMAS



Lesley Allan Western Review

The streets of Drayton Valley are all sparkle and shine as residents decorate their homes with lights and much more in celebration of Christmas.

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our editorial

Community once again shows the spirit of the season

With Christmas on Thursday, many residents have turned their thoughts to the celebrations they will be having with family and friends over the coming days. However, the weeks leading up to Christmas have once again showcased the caring and generous nature of those in the community.

Businesses, industry and individuals in Drayton Valley and Brazeau County don't restrict their generosity to the Christmas season, but this time of year there seems to be an even greater desire to help others and support local causes.

The cause doesn't matter, it can be something to help those in need in other parts of the world, or focusing on giving local families and organizations a boost. Whatever the call, Drayton Valley and Brazeau County always seem ready to answer.

Many companies and businesses choose this time of year to make contributions to local charities or non-profit organizations that will put the money back into supporting the community, such as Warming Hearts Soup Kitchen or the CTF4V campaign.

The effects of that giving will last far beyond the single donation.

But Christmas is also a time when many local families and individuals

make the time to open their hearts (and their wallets) to help bring the joy of the season to other children and families who might be struggling. Lots of local schools run food drives, but also feature "giving trees" where items such as mittens are placed to be distributed to those who need them.

At the BCDC, trees are set up tagged with items that could help local families have a happy Christmas. Other families from the centre, corporate partners, businesses and members of the public can pick up a tag and purchase the items that are then distributed to the families.

And one of the most enduring examples of the spirit of giving continues to thrive in Drayton Valley. Just last weekend members of the Lions Club and community volunteers gathered at the legion to sort through donations to the local Seniors Anonymous and put together hampers that were distributed to local families who need a little help this year to make it a Merry Christmas.

Those are just a few of the ways the community has shown it not only embraces, but embodies the spirit of giving that is so much a part of the Christmas season.

Merry Christmas, Drayton Valley/Brazeau.



And to all a good night

How is it possible that Christmas is in just two more sleeps? The season seems to have gone by even more quickly than usual this year. This year I've once again gone back to Ontario to celebrate Christmas with my family, after staying in Drayton Valley last year. I've already been in Ontario for more than a week by the time this issue of the Western Review reaches you, which is why this is the only place you'll see my name this week.

Christmas is a pretty big deal in the Whalen household. My parents have been watching every made-for-television Christmas cry-fest since the end of November. Now that I'm home we've moved onto more traditional fare like Muppet's Christmas Carol, Charlie Brown, the Grinch, Ralphie and his Red Ryder BB gun with the compass in the stock and maybe even some Home Alone action.

We've spent evenings over the past week with Christmas fare on the television, the room illuminated by the lights of the Christmas



There and Back
Courtney Whalen

tree, munching on the baking, which my mother will complain didn't turn out well and we will assure her is delicious.

My dad and I have listened to Mitch Miller and Gang sing Christmas songs and carols, we have all tried to avoid hearing Christmas Shoes and I will have hit my head on a hanging ornament with chimel on it that my parents have had for more than 30 years.

It's nothing elaborate or fancy, but it's the trappings of what makes our Christmas season special.

Tomorrow night we will gather with my mom's side of the family for Chinese food before heading to Christmas Eve service, where my nana and I will misbehave in some

way (usually by her attempting to unwrap the loudest candy wrapper known to man), earning us stern looks from my mother. That will be followed by was inevitably dripping everywhere during a candlelit version of Silent Night.

Then it will be back home to change to head into town to your local neighbourhoods and check out light displays while listening to a selection of Christmas tunes. We will likely wrap the evening up with a viewing of Christmas vacation and still more goodies before heading to bed so Santa can visit.

These are the small acts that make up some of the traditions of our Christmas season and I'm always happy when I get to go back to Ontario to take part in them.

I want to wish you all the small and big joys that come from your own family traditions. Remember to take a few moments during all the chaos of the next few days to step back to take it all in and appreciate the love that surrounds you.

To my Drayton Valley family, friends and readers, Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

Letterstotheeditor

Resident Disapproves of proposed request

The following letter has been sent to the County Council in response to a request to allow from the town of Drayton Valley for more funds from the County.

To the Acting Reeve and Council: With regards to the request by the Town for \$100,000 to develop land in Drayton Valley for a bus turnaround, I must register my complete disapproval for this granting of funds.

This land is presumably to replace School Board owned property on the old H.W. Pickup site. The Board has asked on several occasions to be allowed to develop this site for the bus turnaround. To date, all requests have been denied, including a development permit to create the turnaround on said land.

Since the Town does not want to allow a turnaround for the Pickup site, it seems to me that it is obligated to provide an alternative. Any and all costs to provide this alternate site for School Board purposes is the responsibility of the Town.

Any funds from the County to the Town for this development are totally inappropriate.

Lynn Oberle
Resident

* Editor's note:

The proposed location of the new bus turnaround is on a portion of the former H.W. Pickup Junior High School property.

Provocative campaigns vital tool

Please allow me to respond to Leslie Allen's column (When a cause goes too far, that appeared in the Dec. 9 edition of the Western Review). PETA's job isn't to make the public feel good about choices that hurt themselves and animals. We're here to shake things up, and to make sure the animals' plight makes it into the 8 o'clock news, onto newspaper opinion pages, and all over the Internet.

Not everyone wants to hear about how animals are battered and broken in rodeo arenas, scalded alive in slaughterhouses; kept in cages so tiny they can't even turn around or spread their wings on factory farms; electrocuted and skinned alive for their fur; shocked, poisoned, burned, blinded, cut open, and mutilated in laboratories; and other horrors. Sometimes, getting people to listen to the animals' plight requires tactics that some may consider shocking or even "rude," but the situation is critical for billions of animals, and somehow we must make the public think about the issues.

Unfortunately, getting the animal rights message out is not always easy and straightforward. Unless our opposition, which is mostly composed of wealthy industries and corporations, PETA can't spend millions on advertising. And, regrettably, the media usually do not consider the facts alone interesting enough to cover.

Colorful and controversial gimmicks, on the other hand—like activists' scripping to "bare skin rather than wear skin"—grab headlines, thereby bringing a serious message to audiences around the country and, often, the world.

We would much prefer to do things without the gimmicks—if only it worked. We'd like nothing better than to be able to show the media videos of factory farms, fur farms, and animals in laboratories and have them find it newsworthy enough to cover. But they don't.

However, when we strip or come up with some silly stunt, that very same animal abuse ends up in newspapers and on television nationwide. Experience has taught us that provocative and controversial campaigns make the difference between keeping important yet depressing subjects invisible and having them widely seen.

The alternative is to be ignored in the torrent of tabloid-style stories that dominate the popular press. However, PETA does make a point of having something for all tastes, from conservative to radical and from dubious to refined taste, and this approach has proved amazingly successful—in the three decades since PETA was founded, it has grown into the largest animal rights group in the world, with more than 3 million members and supporters worldwide, a force that allows us to, for instance, stop the angora rabbit fur industry cold and switch human stimulators for dogs in laboratories.

To learn more about why we do what we do, visit www.PETA.org.

Jennifer O'Connor
PETA Foundation

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Letters can be e-mailed to: cortney.whalen@sunmedia.ca, or dropped off at our office during business hours.

CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in the article interim budget based on nine per cent tax hike that appeared on pg. 2 of the Dec. 16 edition of the Western Review. Refundment of the tennis courts is planned for the future, but is not confirmed for 2015. Changes to the interim budget can be considered prior to the passing of the final budget in April.

The Western Review apologizes for the error and any inconvenience

it may have caused.

Incorrect information appeared in the caption for the photo that accompanied the Classroom Champions give back to the community on pg. 6 of Dec. 2 edition of the Western Review. The schools involved in the project are Eldorado, Evergreen and Aurora.

The Western Review apologizes for the error and any inconvenience

it may have caused.

Incorrect information appeared in the article Infant helps plant roots of empathy that appeared on pg. 24 of the Dec. 16 edition of the Western Review.

Shelley Chaney is an Alim for Success mentor.

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news

Agreement meant to provide better service in area

County enters agreement with Rogers Communications Inc.

Lesley Allen
Western Review

In a continued effort to improve communication capacity within Braxton County, the municipality has entered into an agreement with Rogers Communications Inc. that will see them work together collaboratively.

Entering into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the communication company during the Dec. 2 council meeting, following a private discussion, the County says the agreement will see communications improve through co-operation rather than duplication. "It's eliminating the multiple tower situations," says Brenda Christie, director of corporate services. "We've all driven down the highway and seen three or four towers within close proximity, so if we can work together and say 'okay, this is our proposed build how can we work

together and maybe open one tower and open it to collocation opportunity."

Not the first municipality to enter such an agreement with Rogers, and was made possible through the collaboration of multiple municipalities.

"This is something that's been in negotiation between Parkland County and Rogers for some time," says Christie. "They signed I believe it was on Oct. 28, they were the first of our ARCA (Alberta Rural Communications Alliance) alliance to sign with Rogers and then we were afforded a copy of the agreement and if any municipality was interested we had that opportunity to get in touch with Rogers and follow the same process."

According to Christie ARCA is comprised of municipalities within central Alberta including Lac Saint Anne, Clearwater County, Woodlands, Saddle Hills, Yellowhead, as well as Parkland County and Braxton.

"[ARCA] is currently six or seven, there's one that just joined, seven municipalities that are working together to build communications in their area."

Hoping collaborations, whether with other municipalities or indus-

try, leads to improved services for residents, Christie says the agreement is beneficial for everyone. "Our end goal is to improve service and connectivity to residents of Braxton County. So if it's a building the tower Telus, Rogers, CCI, or Xplornet, can co-locate on a tower and don't have the capital infrastructure," she explains. "Or there might be instances where we collocate on their towers to improve public safety, or our own public works communications, those types of things."

"So to me it's a win-win whenever we can work together to provide services on one tower," she says. Although the MOU was only signed earlier this month the County is already working on it's first project with Rogers.

"We are actually working on a collocation application right now for a Rogers tower that is located between Cynthia and Lodgepole and that will be part of our first network build on our western communication phase," shares Christie.

Just as other municipalities have the opportunity to work with Rogers, Braxton County is also exploring its options when it comes to collaborations with other communications companies.

"We're in discussions with other providers, so we're hopeful that we can reach similar agreements," says Christie. "It might not be the same, but something similar and also open to the opportunity to work co-operatively with any service provider."

Understanding that co-operation is important to progress, Christie says any agreement they make, whether it's with municipalities or corporations, is to better the serve residents. "We're just working to improve communications in all of our areas, so whether it's the travelling public or our residents that both mobility and internet improve in our area."

And according to industry, this is the same thing companies like Rogers are trying to achieve.

"As the demand for faster, more reliable wireless service from both businesses and residents in Braxton County continues to grow, this is a great opportunity to provide enhanced coverage to the community," said Leon LeFoux, Director of Network Implementation, Rogers Communications Inc. "We're looking forward to continuing work with local municipalities to improve wireless service in communities throughout Alberta."

For more information on the county MOU with Rogers visit www.braxton.ab.ca or call (780) 514-9117.

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RCMP briefs

BRANDY LANE
Western Review

ROAD KILLS STOLEN
Eight traffic signs have been damaged or stolen between the Tumahawk corner and Hwy. 16 last week. The crime was reported on Dec. 12 and the RCMP believes it took place between 2:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. that morning. Signs on both sides of the road were knocked down or snapped off. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Drayton Valley RCMP detachment.

STOLEN QUAD REGISTERED
A report on Dec. 12 confirmed possession of stolen property. Someone in Alberta registered a quad recently with a VIN that matched a stolen quad from 2014. RCMP Cpl. Marco Lou explained in a case of possession of stolen property, the original owner usually has the right to the property. "So kind of a difficult situation for people sometimes because you buy an ATV or something, you go to

register it. It comes back from the system as being stolen. You have no right to that property, it doesn't matter how much you paid for it or anything," he explained. "So even if that person sold it five times, if it changed hands five times it's just never been registered, it just never came up on the system. Even if the person who sold it to you knew it was stolen, you are still out the quad, you are out the money."

The investigation into the matter is still ongoing.

NO INJURIES IN COLLISION
A three-vehicle collision with a loader and two pick-up trucks occurred on Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Someone drove into the back of the loader and spun into the oncoming traffic. The collision occurred on Twp. 592 and Hwy. 22, just north of town. No significant injuries were reported.

CAR STOLEN
A vehicle that was left unlocked in a rural area was reported stolen. The spare keys were left under the seat. The incident occurred in the early morning hours just after

5 a.m.

RENTED VEHICLE DRUGGED
A vehicle was rented by someone one of the local dealerships. It was recovered with drugs inside on Dec. 16. RCMP is currently investigating the case.

VANDALISM AT BEVELUE
RCMP were notified of vandalism at the Pembina Nordic Ski Club on Dec. 12. Someone entered the club and tried to start a fire. The investigation into the matter is still ongoing.

STOP PASSING BUSES
The RCMP have been getting many calls about drivers passing school buses when red lights are flashing. RCMP Cpl. Marco Lou asks drivers to not pass school buses when they stop and their red lights are flashing for the safety of all road users.

COLLECTION
A total of 23 collisions were reported last week with some of them being hit and run cases. There were about three animal collisions that were part of the list as well.

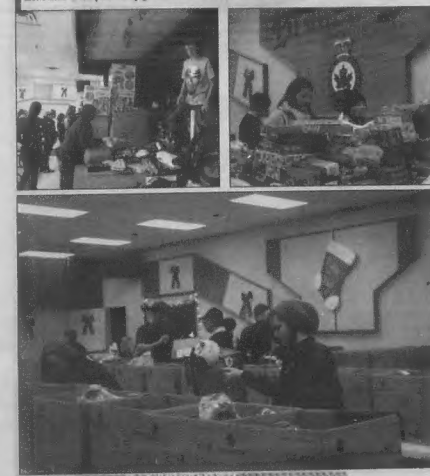
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Santa's elves get to work



Lesley Allen Western Review

On Dec. 20 and 21 the Drayton Valley legion was a buzz of activity as the big red guy's local workers took to prepping boxes and making hampers for Santas Anonymous. After starting the community's annual gift drive in November, the Lions Club of Drayton Valley garnered lots of support making this year's efforts a huge success.



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To thank all teams for their participation, we will be hosting a Movie Night & Award Ceremony at the Mox Centre in January (date TBA).

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RCMP arranges check stops for the season

Better safe than sorry

Mumtaz Lulia
Western Review

The season for festivities and late-night parties. It also becomes the season of drinking and driving if people don't drink responsibly.

"There seems to be a lot of exposure about drinking and driving this time of the year because of all the company and Christmas functions," explained Drayton Valley RCMP Cpl. Marco Luo. "Also because it's more visible, more advertised. Drinking and driving occurs at any time of the year, at any time," he added.

The RCMP has made arrangements to hold checkpoints throughout the area leading up to Christmas. "As far as Christmas season is concerned we are having series of checkpoints particularly targeted at looking for and detecting all of the drinking and driving that we come across. These are being held at least four occasions leading up to Christmas," said Luo.

"Checkpoints happen through out the year, but like you said, it's more visible, prevalent or more noticed this time of the year simply because, it's considered one of the biggest holidays and some times people take any kinds of celebration to excess without planning," he added.

In Alberta last year 80 people died and 386 people sustained major injuries from collisions where alcohol was involved, stated a press release from Alberta Office of Traffic Safety.

"If the police determine your ability to operate a vehicle has been impaired by alcohol or drugs, even if your Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) is below .08, you can be charged

with impaired driving," stated the release.

The checkpoints in the area have already begun, with results of a particular one pleasing the local RCMP.

"We ran a checkpoint on Dec. 13 on a Saturday night and there was a company Christmas party function going on and we were very pleased to know that we didn't stop any-

body for drinking and driving. Even though we spotted numerous people coming from or going to that party simply because the company had taken responsibility and taken steps for ride home services and various things like that," he said.

Luo advises all community members to make prior arrangements before touching

that glass.

"If you're going to be drinking, make arrangements beforehand. Find whether there is a designated driver and make arrangements whether you go on foot, you take a taxi, you arrange to stay overnight, or at a home," he added.

For more information go to transportation.alberta.ca.

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Court briefs

Mumtaz Lulia
Western Review

IDENTITY FRAUD LANDS MAN IN JAIL

A man who was found in possession of other peoples' property was sentenced in Drayton Valley Provincial Court last week. Connor Mueller has been in custody since Nov. 23. He was arrested for identity fraud after he was found with multiple ID cards in his possession, heard the Drayton Valley Provincial Court on Dec. 16. Police had been called to a local hotel after they reported a man asleep in a hallway. The Crown told the court that Mueller was found with a black suitcase and a black backpack filled with various identity material including co-op cards. One of the charges he pleaded guilty to included a breach where he failed to report to police by phone. He was to serve a total of 95 days in custody. Judge Marilyn White credited him for 53 days of pre-sentence custody which left him with 42 days to serve.

HEFTY FINES

Justin Handbury appeared in court via CCTV on Dec. 16. The Drayton Valley Provincial Court heard he was charged with many traffic charges including driving without a valid operators licence, and multiple charges of driving uninsured vehicle. Judge Marilyn White heard a run-down of all offences, which were admitted by Handbury. When given a chance to speak Handbury said he would hope the court would consider the fact that he has been

an intent to theft. In his defence, Judge Marilyn White heard his guilty plea to two of the breach charges came in early. He was sentenced to 32 days in prison. Judge White advised him to follow court orders next time.

WOMAN BEHIND BARS

A 41-year-old woman appeared in Drayton Valley Provincial Court via CCTV last week. Judge Marilyn White heard Sherry Cyr was in custody for a simple assault and breach of probation. She had walked into a residence, punched a man at the back of his head and left the residence. The Crown said the woman was on conditions to have no contact with the man at the time. Cyr entered two guilty pleas. White gave her credit for the time served in pre-sentence custody as well as 15 additional days to serve.

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behind bars for about 30 days. Judge White corrected him and said, he has been behind bars but for different charges. He wasn't serving pre-sentence for the offences the court had heard that day. When given a choice between paying fine and doing time, Handbury considered paying as his first option.

"I will take time to pay and if I change my mind I will do time," he said via CCTV. White noted he was to pay about \$11,000 in fines and another \$3,500 surcharge, running concurrent to each other.

KEEP THE GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Sawyer Solomon was in the Drayton Valley Provincial Court on Dec. 16. He was charged with possession of drugs to which he pled guilty. The court heard he was seen in a business area in a vehicle in early August this year. When approached by police marijuana, 2.5 grams of cocaine and brass knuckles were found in a search, incidental to the vehicle. The court heard since his last he had completed a program at a health centre in B.C.

"I am glad to see the health centre but it's important to carry on with this as well," said Judge Marilyn White. He was to report to a probation officer and abstain from drugs and alcohol. He had to pay a fine of about \$2,000.

SHOPPING FOR A GOOD CAUSE



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Leadership Group students from the HW Pickup headed over to Walmart last week and had a cart ready to buy gift items to donate to Sentias Anonymous for Christmas. The students dropped off their gift items on their last day of school.

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Brazeau Citizens for Community Cooperation Society, and its members, will:

- o Contribute constructively to building a strong, modern, progressive, and sustainable Brazeau County that achieves its full potential;
- o Celebrate and support the distinct culture and identity of Brazeau County as a strong and proud rural community that is endowed with:
 - an economically powerful, innovative, and internationally significant energy industry that provides a powerful engine for economic development and prosperity;
 - a strong agricultural community and a proud agricultural and pioneering heritage;
 - an important forest products industry and emerging new forest resource opportunities;
 - an increasing number of rural acreage owners who choose Brazeau County as their home and community;
 - important economic, cultural and recreational synergies with the vibrant urban centres of Drayton Valley, Breton, and smaller centres located within Brazeau County;
 - an entrepreneurial and creative philosophy and practice;
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 - a unique and spectacular natural environment with rivers, forests, green spaces, wild areas and wildlife that, if protected and well managed can support a wide variety of outdoor experiences and recreational activities.
- o Encourage a healthy, constructive and well-informed public dialogue about local government policies, programs and investments that recognize and build on the County's extraordinary assets, as noted above;
- o Adopt a "solutions focus" and encourage citizen feedback and ideas coming out of such constructive dialogue to positively influence the County's direction through its public consultation and involvement processes;
- o Develop innovative strategies for welcoming and embracing business and economic development - while also protecting the quality of life for rural residents and ensuring environmental and social sustainability;

Brazeau Citizens for Community Cooperation Society (BC3) is an independent, citizen-based, soon to be registered, non-profit society. Residents living in, as well as non-resident landowners owning land in the Municipality of Brazeau County, who share the objects of the Society and support the above-noted philosophy and aims, are eligible to join as members for an annual membership fee of \$10.

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o Encourage the Government of Alberta to ensure that any investigation it might conduct, in follow-up to the citizen petition recently filed, minimizes the waste of provincial taxpayer dollars and County time chasing unfounded and misguided accusations, and focuses instead on objectively assessing the County's work and providing constructive advice to Council and Administration.

news

Mat program in need of volunteers to go ahead

Plans to start as early as January

By Emily Hickman

Drayton Valley FCSS is currently seeking overnight volunteers for the community Mat program to reduce homelessness and poverty in the area.

The United Church will provide access to its premises so people who need a place to stay overnight will have a roof over their head. However, it will only be possible when the FCSS is able to find overnight volunteers to support the program.

An information session will be held mid January and the organization hopes to attract interested parties.

By that time, FCSS also hopes that mats would be in place.

"Right now we will be helping them (individuals in need) through the community assistance fund, putting them in hotels. Right now we don't have mats," said homelessness and poverty reduction co-ordinator Emily Hickman.

Some of the local churches, such as the United Church, All Saints Anglican Church, Word of Life and the Calvary Baptist Church, have pooled together to provide a portion of their benevolence fund to go towards the program and the money is now sitting in place.

"Because we have a community assistance fund, which is basically all the churches have funds that they generally use for their benevolence purposes, helping people out if they have someone knocking on their door," explained Hickman.

The second course of funding, about \$345,000, was received in September of this year so the strategy that has been in place has to see its course of action. The project is funded by the Government of Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy and is administered by Alberta Rural Development Network.

The Town of Drayton Valley is contributing about \$100,000 in kind over the course of five

usually with the first round of funding we did research and we developed a strategy. This round of funding is to support implementing the strategy that we developed for the reduction of homelessness and poverty in Drayton Valley and area," said Hickman.

"Before how it worked it they had to go from church to church to church. Then maybe they can get one or two nights and help with a gift card for groceries, but they are spending all their time looking for the next night of shelter rather than being able to connect them to resources that will help them out longer term," she said.

With funds in place, Hickman is able to assist between

"The central fund has access only through me and what that does is if somebody shows up at Word of Life Church they are able to say, 'go talk to this lady, she will help you out,' they will send them to me. And I am able to connect them to more resources that will help them longer term," she explained.

"Because I can put them in a hotel for three to five nights and I can give them a gift card for groceries, but that's only going to help them for that three to five nights. So if we can give them that little bit of time to connect with Alberta Works to maybe get on income support or maybe make a couple phone calls because they have run out of cellphone minutes, or they don't have access to Internet by giving them those couple of nights they are able to use those little things like the telephone and Internet resources to either maybe to contact family in Edmonton or in another province. Maybe they need to be able to do a resume and get job, so that gives them a little bit of breathing room," she added.

"There are plans of converting the shelter into a cheaper place to live such as a hostel. "Right now we are looking for volunteers to staff it, hopefully, eventually, that would be rolled into something longer term along the lines of a hostel. That's something we will have to have much more involvement with the town to get going, so that would mean people can stay in very cheaply, cheaper than a hotel. Temporary, or possibly pay something or nothing if that's what they need," she said.

In one place, people would be able to help themselves get back on track instead of going from one church to another in order to find accommodations.

"The problem is not just homelessness but people not being able to recognize what rural homelessness looks like. "Rural homelessness looks different than urban homelessness. When people think about homelessness they often think of the absolutely homeless, the person out on the street pushing a shopping cart wearing 15 layers of clothing. We do have few people out on the street in Drayton Valley. It's very hard to tell exactly how many without a program such as the Mat program to draw them in. But we've been hearing for a long time from other service providers about people living in the street, living in their cars, living in garden sheds. What it is in communities across our area is that, it is very hidden," she explained.

Rural homelessness includes teenagers out of homes as well. "It's the couch surfing, teenagers being kicked out of their

homes and living with other family or friends. It's the single guy bouncing from friend to friend to friend. It's families living in hotels, motels, living in campers. It's people coming from work maybe perfectly all right living in campers for the first little while expecting that eventually they will be able to afford something. And realizing they can't either by themselves, with no other social support or you know they want to bring their families out but they can't because they can't find a suitable place to put them," she said.

Some people who do have an income source still find it difficult to afford a place to stay. "Affordability is an issue because the supply is so limited. What we are talking about is, they do have an income, it may be limited but they do have an income and they just can't afford what is out there.

"It's also over crowding, people living in situations where a home meant for a five person family has got 10 people living or sharing rooms or living in what would be inappropriate at any other time. Like houses with black mould, toilets that don't work, roofs that leak. Any other time you would just move but there is no where to move to. So people may to those kind of conditions," she added.

The information session for the mat program will take place on Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Rotary House. To learn more about volunteering contact Emily Hickman at 780-514-2221.

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Blairia Latta Western Review

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Thunder hit the ice for final game of 2014



Lesley Allan Western Review

The Drayton Valley Thunder finished off 2014 on a high note, and gave the home town crowd a show when the Bonnyville Pontiacs came to visit. Despite the competition taking the lead during the first period, the Thunder came back to tie things up in the second, only to be left behind again when Bonnyville scored another goal. Once the third period came around the Thunder's determination was hard to handle and they showed the Pontiacs they meant business tacking four more points on the board. The Pontiacs tried to come back with one more goal, but their fate was sealed and the Thunder took the game 5 to 3. Now off for Christmas break, the Drayton Valley Thunder will once again hit the ice when the Olds Grizzlys and Calgary Mustangs visit the first weekend in January.

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Oilmen's Bonspiel marks 50 years

Oilmen's
Bonspiel
Jan. 8 to 11

It's become a natural part of the Drayton Valley community calendar, and as 2015 rolls in it will mark an important milestone for a volunteer organization that has been enjoying the community and uniting oilfield workers.

"The Oilmen's Bonspiel has continued for 50 years, and that's the proud part," says Bruce Clemmer, former director of Oilmen's Association member for 25 years. "The support that has come from the oil patch, from the vendors, the suppliers, the oil companies themselves, a lot of them are helping out."

Taking place Jan. 8 to 11, the Oilmen's Bonspiel welcomes hobbyist and serious curlers alike. The event is meant to provide oilfield workers with a chance to socialize and network, while relaxing and having a good

time. Taking place over four days, the event is one that's highly regarded by players and organizers, but also compasses within the industry.

"We're there for a good time, there are serious curlers and then there are some that are not too serious and that's a good mix," says Clemmer. "It's all about getting people together, there's a great number of prizes and gifts that are given out by all the service companies."

Over the years the Oilmen's Bonspiel has seen its ups and downs when it comes to turnout, something that's hard to prevent or prepare for when players and participants come from an industry that is volatile in nature.

"We did at one time, probably eight or 10 years ago, have 64 rinks, it was that popular," shared Clemmer. Then the oil patch went down a little bit there in '08 or '09, and then we dropped back down to 40, then it got to the point where the oil patch was so heavy, guys couldn't even get the time off to curl and we were down to 40 rinks at one time."

"But now we're back up, I think we're at 37 but we'll go up to 48 for

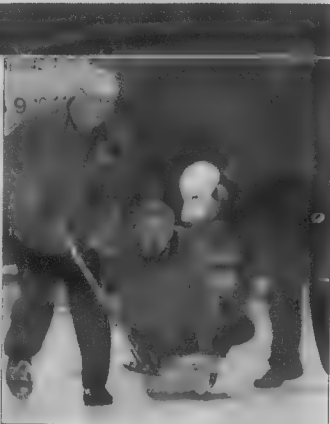
sure," he continues. "The game of curling hasn't changed much, just the faces and stuff like that."

While the spirit of the tournament is to ensure that players have a good time, the Bonspiel has done much more throughout its existence.

"One of the things that this organization has always done, is always give to a club, an organization or what ever it was, from Serenity House, to the helicopter pad, to Sanctus Anonymous, it's to benefit a good number of people."

"What we're actually celebrating is the 50 years that this has gone on with the golf tournament and the Bonspiel, and we have now reached the point where it's over \$500,000 dollars we've given back to the community," says Clemmer. "The number of organizations, clubs, you name it, that this Oilmen's Association has contributed to is massive."

Oilfield workers interested in getting involved with the Oilmen's Bonspiel can call Cory Nelson at (780) 621-0889 by Jan. 1 to inquire about spacing. Individual players interested can also inquire about any single spots available.



Western Review file photo
A highly popular event, the Oilmen's Bonspiel is set to kick off 2015 by bringing industry together for a weekend of fun and friendly competition.



DV THUNDER COMMUNITY CORNER



The Drayton Valley Thunder "Stuff A Bus" for Sanctus Anonymous took place on Dec. 13, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Walmart parking lot. The organization had a large school bus parked out front of the store and had Thunder players and volunteers letting people know what they were doing and where all the presents were going to. The bus stayed at Walmart until 6 p.m., where it then went over to the Oranpicks where fans coming to the game also brought toys and presents to fill the bus. The team's expectations were completely blown out of the water by the support received from the Drayton Valley Community! Not only did they manage to completely fill the bus with new toys, but there were also cash donations and Walmart gift cards that were donated. The Thunder would like to thank everyone who helped fill the bus! The generosity shown by Drayton Valley community members is amazing and the team hopes the "Stuff A Bus" will continue to give deserving families a wonderful Christmas long into the future.



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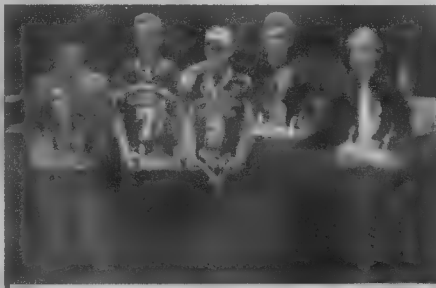
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CELEBRATING WARRIORS



On Dec. 15 Frank Maddock High School celebrated everything football with the Warriors Football Banquet. Following their first season in 12 man football, players, coaches and fans took the time to recognize players and hand out awards for the 2014 season. Rookie of the Year went to Jacob Drader; Best Linebacker - Brody Hines; Best Defensive Player - Luke Riehl; Best Offensive Player - William Smith and Most Valuable Player - Tanner Ridenour. From left to right: Brody Hines, William Smith, Tanner Ridenour, Luke Riehl and Jacob Drader.

Beware and report avalanches

Safety
key when
spending time
in the mountains

Michelle Ferguson
QMI Agency

"In the season for avalanches says Parks Canada officials — and this year there is likely to be a number of them.

On Dec. 7, a group of four skiers set off an avalanche on Wawa ridge, an area of the backcountry adjacent to Sunshine Village ski resort.

Since Sunshine ski patrol was unable to count the same amount of tracks leading out of the area as going in, they initiated a search and rescue response.

While Sunshine crews completed a ground search to locate any transceiver or RECO devices, Parks Canada mobilized a helicopter to get an aerial view of the area.

Still unable to clearly determine whether all skiers had made it out safely, Parks Canada pup Kexi joined the team on the ground.

After about an hour later, a witness statement confirmed that all four skiers had entered and exited together and the search was stopped.

Although the avalanche was a bit of a non-event, it serves as a reminder that playing in the Canadian Rockies comes with an element of risk.

Users should inform themselves by taking an avalanche course and reading avalanche bulletins before entering the backcountry and report any avalanches or irregular conditions to Parks or Avalanche Canada, so that other users have up-to-date information.

Reporting is important in higher visibility areas, such as near Sunshine Village and Lake Louise Ski Resort, since these areas are typically monitored by ski patrol or visible to the public. Individuals setting off an avalanche should let someone at the nearby ski hill or Parks Canada know they are OK to avoid unwarranted search and rescue operations.

"If you trigger an avalanche, you shouldn't be shameful that it happened," said Aaron Beard-

more, a visitor safety specialist for Rock's Mountain national parks. "It happens to professionals, it happens to people who are not very experienced — it can happen to anybody."

Although avalanche conditions are currently deemed moderate in Banff, Yoho and Kootenay national parks, this year's snowpack is resting upon about 20 centimetres of rain crust located close to the ground, creating what is called a persistent basal instability — in other words a prime sliding surface for snow.

"We saw a lot of avalanches running on that persistent weak layer soon after the storm, but as we get further away from the storm, the natural avalanche activity starts to taper off and then the human triggered avalanches start to taper off, but the instability is still there and the potential is still there," Beardmore said.

"So although we've tapered off to a moderate level now, it's still possible to trigger that layer in very specific areas. And then once we get more snow, in places that it hasn't previously avalanched, there's greater likelihood of larger avalanches in those areas."

Need to get something off your chest?

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Dec. 22 - 8:30-5:00 pm	Monday, Dec. 29 - 8:30-5:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 23 - 8:30-5:00 pm	Tuesday, Dec. 30 - 8:30-5:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 8:30-5:00 pm	Wednesday, Dec. 31 - 8:30-5:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 25 - CLOSED	Thursday, Jan. 1 - CLOSED
Friday, Dec. 26 - CLOSED	Friday, Jan. 2 - 8:30-5:00 pm

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Chimney sweeps spread holiday cheer



Lesley Allan Western Review

It was a story of an unlikely hero that was told on Dec. 16 as Grade 4 to 6 students from Eborado Elementary hit the stage for Once Upon A Rooftop, the school's Christmas play for 2014. Taking place where else but on rooftops, students shared a story about how a group of chimney sweeps travelled throughout a neighbourhood helping everybody they could.



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Evergreen puts Santa to the test



Lesley Allan Western Review

Santa was going for the big prize when Evergreen Elementary put him to the test during their Christmas performance of Is Santa Smarter? Taking place on Dec. 16, the afternoon was filled with fun music, tricky questions and lots of laughs as family and staff sat back and watched as Santa was grilled. Lucky for his bragging right he made his way through with the help of the audience, going home a winner.



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Living Nativity shares the story of Christ's birth



Despite the chilly temperatures, residents of Drayton Valley and area made their way to St. Anthony school where students put on the elementary school's annual Living Nativity. Complete with a donkey, lambs and festive songs, the performance shared the story of Jesus Christ's birth in Bethlehem. Those putting on the show were especially brave as they not only performed a very important story, but did so with two outdoor performances on Dec. 17.

Lesley Allan Western Review

NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Please be advised that the Development Authority of the Town of Drayton Valley has approved the following permits with conditions:

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C2-General Commercial District
Installation of Signage
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DV14-207 3351-50 Street

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An appeal may be made to the Subdivision and Development Appeals Board by any person claiming to be affected by the aforementioned decisions. Written submissions stating grounds for appeal plus required fees must be received no later than 14 days after the date of Newspaper Publication.

The Town of Drayton Valley

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Planning & Development Officer
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E-mail: planning@draytonvalley.ca

Christmas Greetings St. Anthony's busy little town of Bethlehem



Lesley Allan Western Review

It was a band of merry actors that put on one of St. Anthony's best Christmas shows of the year as preschool students told the story of Christ's birth through song. Performing for parents, grandparents, family and staff, students had fun while they showed off their wonderful costumes and heart warming songs.

May this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright new year.

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Christmas Greetings

STORY TIME WITH MRS. CLAUSE



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Christmas Greetings

ORNAMENTS WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH



Mamta Lulla Western Review

Christmas trees this year will include ornaments decorated by little ones with the help of parents who spent an afternoon crafting away on Dec. 16. The Rotary Children's Library put local children to work for some festive family fun last week to make colourful, glittery ornaments that everyone in the family would be proud of.

Greetings of the Season

The snow's on the ground,
but joy is in the air
Because it soon will be Christmas
everywhere!
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A Happy Christmas and Happy New Year

Christmas Greetings

Season's greetings
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DRAYTON VALLEY PREPARES FOR CHRISTMAS



Lesley Allan Western Review

Christmas might only be a couple days away but the festivities have been taking place for much longer. Here in Drayton Valley and the surrounding areas, the Christmas season was kicked off with the Drayton Valley and District Chamber of Commerce Christmas Light Up Parade on Nov. 21.

Wishing you a very
Merry Christmas
and a Safe and
Happy New Year!



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EMMA KVAME

Christmas Greetings

WE THREE KINGS



Three kings bearing gifts traversed far to make sure they were present when St. Anthony School put on their annual production of the Living Nativity. Braving the cold these dedicated group of actors did a day time and night time performance on Dec. 17.

Lesley Allan Western Review

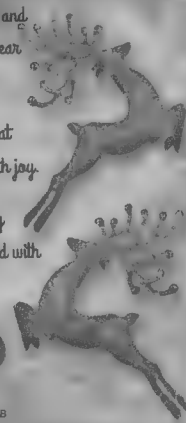
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cute.

I am wondering
how your sleigh flies?

For Christmas I would like
Lego Friends, Pterodactyl Stage

I will be leaving you some
apples and water

Love,
EMERY

Dear Santa,
My name is Owen

I notice that
you give good gifts.

I am wondering
how reindeer fly?

For Christmas I would like
a remote control car

I will be leaving you some
Cocacola

Love,
OWEN

Dear Santa,
My name is Kiana

I notice that
you are nice.

I am wondering

For Christmas I would like
a guitar

I will be leaving you some
chocolate cookies

Love,
Kiana

Dear Santa,
My name is Abbiele

I notice that
you make toys quickly

I am wondering
how the elves fly?

For Christmas I would like
a new gun

I will be leaving you some
cookies and milk with a sign pointing to them

Love,
Abbiele

Christmas Greetings

O' CHRISTMAS TREE



Lesley Allan Western Review
For some November might have been a bit early to set up Christmas trees at home, which is why Family Fun Night on Nov. 21 was the perfect chance for people to practice

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Season Greetings

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Dear Santa,
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I notice that
you have a nice beard

I am wondering
how you go into a chimney

For Christmas I would like
a robot

I will be leaving you some
juice boxes and cupcakes

Love,
Kayden

Wishing Everyone the Best that the
Season can bring!
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Drayton Valley - Devon
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Happy Holly-Days

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Christmas Greetings

LEARNING WITH MRS. CLAUSE



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It was festive Rhyme Time fun last week when Mrs. Clause made her way to the Rotary Children's Library. Not one to be out done by Santa, Mrs. Clause likes to make sure she gets out to visit local children and help them take advantage of local library programming.

Christmas Greetings



Happy, happy Christmas that can win us back to the pleasures of our childhood days, recall the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveler back to his own fireside and quiet home!
-Charles Dickens-

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

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I notice that

your sleigh has a cool color

I am wondering

how you go around the world so

fast.

For Christmas I would like

a zoomer dog

I will be leaving you some

cookies & milk with carrots for the reindeer

Love,

Brody

Dear Santa,

My name is Enzo

I notice that

you give good gifts

I am wondering

how you get down the chimney

For Christmas I would like

an X-box

I will be leaving you some

some juice & cookies

Love,

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Dear Santa,

My name is Max K. B. 10

I notice that

you give people presents

I am wondering

if you have a house at the North Pole?

For Christmas I would like

a boy panda

I will be leaving you some

hot chocolate and muffins

Love,

Max K. B. 10

Dear Santa,

My name is REANNA

I notice that

you have reindeer

I am wondering

what your reindeer eat?

For Christmas I would like

a toy dog with smooth fur!

I will be leaving you some

cereal

Love,

REANNA

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Christmas full of
laughter, love, and fun

That's what we wish
for each of you and
everyone!



May success follow you
wherever you go in 2015.

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appreciates
your loyalty and business
throughout 2014.

We look forward to serving
you in 2015.

Happy New Year

2015

At the holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who
have made our progress possible. It is in this spirit that we say...
Best wishes for the holidays and Happy New Year.

We are thankful that each and every year, we
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Evaluating the responsibilities

➤ Gifting an animal cannot be taken lightly

You have it pictured in your head, the carefully wrapped present with holes in the box moving around under the tree - and then the delight on your loved one's face when a furry little friend hops out.

Under the right circumstances, a pet can be a wonderful gift, but think about it carefully before stepping for the furry little friend. Here are the primary considerations.

1. It requires a huge time commitment from the receiver.

This point isn't news to anyone. A pet is a lot of work and even with the time off during December, their needs can be a huge undertaking. It's difficult to know for sure if the recipient is ready to take on the responsibility of a pet, so a surprise is never a good idea. Have a conversation to find out for sure. There is often an increase in pet adoptions and returns to the SPCA during this time of year, which is certainly unfair to the receiver and to the animal in question.

2. The financial implications are significant.

A pet can be very expensive - and this entails much more than food. Regular checkups, vaccinations, and other veterinary bills can number into the thousands of dollars. This is especially true with a new pet. In fact, the SPCA in British Columbia points out that dogs cost almost \$1,200 per year and cats cost approximately \$800, though this is significantly higher with puppies and kittens is the person you're gifting to ready for these costs?

3. Unexpected issues could prove costly.

The aforementioned price tag that comes along with a pet is just a starting point. In the unfortunate case that a dog

or cat gets ill, the financial impact can be significant unless you have insurance. A recent Western Financial Group study found that 47 per cent of Canadian pet owners that do not have pet insurance say their primary reason is that it is too expensive.

"This is a common misconception," says Dr. Bernhard Pukay, the chairman of the Petcare veterinary advisory board. "Insurance, which is relatively inexpensive to purchase, can save you thousands, and in turn it could prevent you from having to make difficult decisions based on monetary concerns."

Moreover, insurance can cover an array of regular checkups and treatments. So, if you plan on giving a pet as a gift, consider also providing a policy that can add peace of mind - or, as a nice gesture, you can buy it as a present for an existing pet.

More information about pet insurance is available at www.petcare.com or www.newsCanada.com.

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Christmas Greetings

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Christmas Greetings

Making memories

Christmas isn't about gifts, it's all about making memories no matter where it happens

News Canada

In most houses, fresh from the oven cookies don't last long – especially around the holidays. What does last, however, are the memories shared with loved ones baking in a warm kitchen and the satisfaction of enjoying a delicious treat (or two) made from scratch.

Anna Olson, celebrity chef and host of Food Network Canada's *Bake with Anna Olson*, knows just how great spending time in the kitchen can be at this time of year.

"Holiday baking always stirs up memories for me of spending time with my loved ones," says Olson. "Laughing over split ingredients, sneaking a bit of chocolate here and there, watching cookies rise and smelling the sweet aroma of sugar, butter and vanilla."

To make your own memories this season, why not try a few of Anna's favourite baking tips for the most festive time of the year?

1. Start with the basics. Olson suggests stocking your kitchen with essential ingredients. Keeping the basics like flour, sugar, eggs, butter, nuts, dried fruit and chocolate chips on hand means you are ready to start baking at any time.

2. Make it fun. Play your favourite music or holiday tunes to really get you in a festive spirit. Singing and dancing around the kitchen can be just as fun as the baking process.

3. Get inspired. Instead of adding just

regular chocolate chips, for example, brighten up the cookies with different flavours, like the variety offered by Hershey's Chippits. Having fun ingredients in your pantry will help avoid a baking rut.

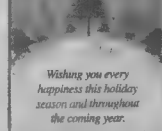
4. Change it up. When it comes to holiday baking we often think of the classics, like decorated sugar and gingerbread cookies, but know that you can branch out and try something modern like cake pops, or whoopie pies with a holiday twist.

5. Or keep it simple. Never underestimate the power of a chocolate chip cookie. Wonderful memories can be made even over the simplest recipe.

Additional information and baking inspiration can be found at www.hersheyskitchens.ca.

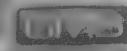
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Christmas Greetings

CHIMNEY SWEEPS TO THE RESCUE



Lesley Allan Western Review

There was an unlikely crew of chimney sweeps who rescued the holidays for people of all cultures and regions. Told by a group of actors from Eldorado Elementary, Once Upon A Rooftop.

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Dear Santa,
My name is Lilly

I notice that
you are really awesome because you
give us presents

I am wondering
how your reindeer can fly?

For Christmas I would like
Lego and Caillon

I will be leaving you some
candy for you and your reindeer.

Love,
Lilly

Dear Santa,
My name is Riley

I notice that
you like cookies.

I am wondering

For Christmas I would like
a big remote control car

I will be leaving you some
mushroom soup.

Love,
Riley

Dear Santa,
My name is Noah

I notice that
you elves are watching me.

I am wondering
if the elves are small and how the
reindeer can fly?

For Christmas I would like
Trash Packs.

I will be leaving you some
marshmallow treats.

Love,
Noah

Dear Santa,
My name is Dalton

I notice that
you have a white and long beard.

I am wondering
how Rudolph's nose glows?

For Christmas I would like
a green Zoomer dino.

I will be leaving you some
water and sandy acres.

Love,
Dalton

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Braxton

I notice that
you make lots of toys.

I am wondering
there are igloos at the North Pole?

For Christmas I would like
a new web slinger.

I will be leaving you some
chocolate chips.

Love,
Braxton

Dear Santa,
My name is Manni

I notice that
you have elves called Elf on a Shelf
that help you deliver toys in their little
air planes

I am wondering
how the reindeer fly?

For Christmas I would like
new Hot Wheels.

I will be leaving you some
candy canes and coffee.

Love,
Manni

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Christmas Greetings

Manage time, reduce stress

A busy holiday season can be stressful without planning

You hear a lot about peace and joy at this time of year, but seasonal pressures can make it difficult. Parties and get-togethers are usually fun, but many require baking, wine-buying, or a special outfit. Then there are the presents to buy for everyone—all while navigating crazy traffic and crowded shopping malls.

Here are six ways to restore some peace and joy:

1. Be strategic. Set aside one

day to buy presents, do your research online and make a list before leaving the house. Include a backup option for each person.

2. Be smart. Assess your holiday wardrobe well in advance. Buy a case of reasonably priced wine to have on hand for parties and entertaining, so you're not shopping each time.

3. Be efficient. To reduce the frequency of baking, hold a cookie exchange. Bake several dozen of your favourites to swap, and come away with a variety that you can stash in the freezer until needed.

4. Be balanced. As your calendar fills up with obligations, book off time to release the pressure. It might be skating with kids, or a few hours to read a book by the fire.

Get it on there, and stick to it.

5. Be caring. Christmas is about more than crossing off names and obligations. Find time to volunteer with a charity, or help change the life of a child overseas. This can be done online with a web site called World Vision Gifts at worldvisiongifts.ca.

6. Be grateful. Try to see 'a glass full' whenever you look. Stop to think that you are shopping and attending parties because you're lucky to have those people in your life, as well as a season to celebrate it.



Easy holiday hosting tips to save money

Newspaper Canada

Hosting people into your home for holiday festivities can be expensive, let alone the additional costs that mount up on your energy bill. The next time you host a gathering, try these seven electricity savers from Hydro One:

1. Where possible, do laundry, run the dishwasher, and cook during off peak periods weekdays after 7 p.m., or on weekends and holidays. Remember, December 25 and 26 are considered holidays, but not December 24. The Time-of-Use hours are:

- On-peak is 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Mid-peak is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Off-peak is 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

2. When cooking on your stove top, match the size of the pan to the heating element—more heat will get to the pan and less will be lost.

3. Baking holiday treats? Check on your treats by looking through the window on your oven. Opening the oven door, even for a few seconds, will lower the internal temperature of the oven.

4. Delicious leftovers? Allow leftovers to cool before placing them in the fridge or freezer.

5. Pass on preheating. While preheating may be necessary for baking, it's not needed for things like meats or casseroles.

6. Time your holiday cheer. Put your outdoor holiday lights on a CSA approved outdoor timer to have them on only during off-peak hours and turn them off overnight.

7. Lower the thermostat. If you are entertaining guests, consider lowering the temperature in your home. The increased body heat and cooking will help keep your house warm.

If someone else is hosting you this holiday season, lower the thermostat in your home while you are away.

Additional ways to save energy can be found online at www.HydroOne.com/SaveEnergy.

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My name is Katie

I notice that

you have lots of reindeer.

I am wondering

if I could have a ride on your sleigh?

For Christmas I would like

a tea party set.

I will be leaving you some

cookies.

Love,

Katie

Kaylee

Dear Santa,

My name is Elizabeth

I notice that

you like cookies.

I am wondering

what your reindeer eat?

For Christmas I would like

a Barbie house.

I will be leaving you some

burgers and fries and milk.

Love,

Elizabeth

Dear Santa,

My name is Quinn

I notice that

you sent me an Elf on a Shelf.

I am wondering

how your reindeer get here so fast?

For Christmas I would like

a toy horse trailer with little horses inside.

I will be leaving you some

peppermint for your reindeer, an apple for Rudolph and an extra carrot for you.

Love,

Quinn

Dear Santa,

My name is Kaylee

I notice that

the elves like to make presents.

I am wondering

if you have a desk.

For Christmas I would like

a skating bag and a ring.

I will be leaving you some

peppermint.

Love,

Kaylee

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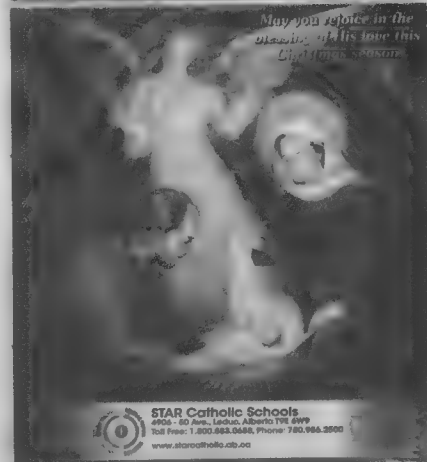
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AWAY IN A MANGER



Preschool students at St. Anthony put on a nativity show for adoring fans. Full of songs and wonderful costumes the show entertained all that were able to attend.

Lesley Allen Western Review

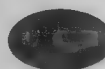
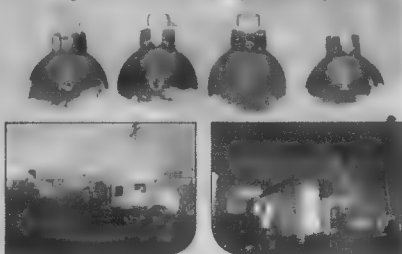
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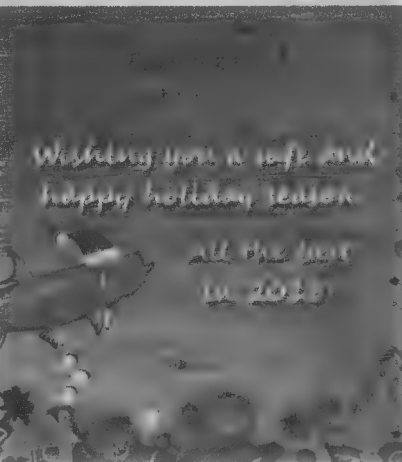
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GETTING TO KNOW THE BIG GUY



Lesley Allan Western Review
Students got the opportunity to share their Christmas wish lists with the big guy in
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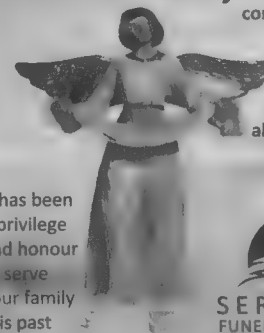
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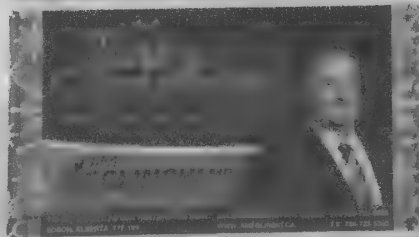
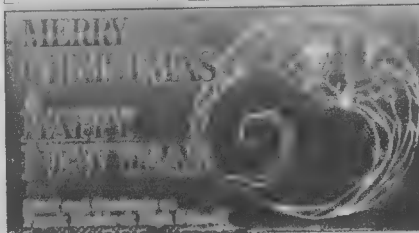
Christmas Greetings

CHRISTMAS SHOW A SUCCESS



Lesley Allan Western Review

It was a day full of theater success as Evergreen Elementary School delighted audiences during two special performances of their Christmas production is Santa Smarter? Full of great music and big laughs, the staff and students knew just how to delight the crowds.



We wish you
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Holiday
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SANTA CLAUSE IS COMING BACK TO TOWN



Lesley Allan Western Review

With only a couple more sleeps until the big man in red comes to the area, it won't be the first time Santa made his way through the streets of Drayton Valley this year. Last month he made a very special visit during the Drayton Valley and District Chamber of Commerce Christmas Light Up Parade.

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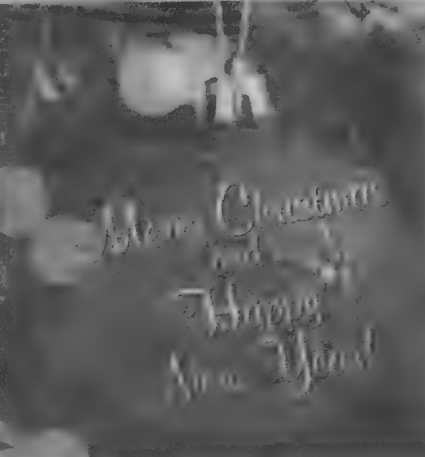
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School notebook

During the last week before Christmas, students enjoyed a free concert on Monday. We donated all items to Santa's Anonymous. The grade 4-6s performed Once On A Housetop. Students also enjoyed a Christmas Spirit by dress in our Christmas best on the 18th. Then on the 19th we had a pyjama day. A cant sing to finish things.

Thank you and congratulations to all of Eldorado's staff and students for the wonderful Christmas performances over the last two weeks. Once again we have thanked ourselves. We thank you to all the parents, grandparents and families that attended the concert, donated items for Santa's Anonymous and made food for classroom sales.

What a great treat too. Santa by to my help and wish a Merry Christmas. Thank you to all. We were at Eldorado's school to wish a safe and happy holiday season to all. We will be the staff and students back in the new year on Jan. 5. For current updates and photos, you can follow us on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/seanagowithsp. We'll find photos of our latest projects, activities and candid shots of students and staff. So any pertinent information that may affect daily routines will be in it.

HW PICKUP
On behalf of the HW Pickup staff, we would like to wish all students and their families happy holidays, a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Enjoy your break! Classes begin again on Monday, January 5th.
ST. ANTHONY
December 23rd, 2014 St. Anthony School - School Notebook

From the staff at St. Anthony school: May Jesus always be your joy, your hope, your song this Christmas and each day of the New Year be blessed by His guiding hand here! Mrs. Moran, the grade 7's and grade 8's blessed us all again with two outstanding productions of the Living Nativity on December 17th. We all enjoyed the show. I'd like to thank all the students who helped with the organization of the event and the generosity of the people who have donated items and costumes over the years to make this event a success. A heartfelt "Thank you" to

Jason & Jennifer Miller and family of Edman Miller's Old MacDonald's Farm, Donn Baker of Mooseberry Meadows, Valley Concrete, DM Beutels, The Town of Drayton Valley, (allies) Chicken Plus, Al & Kerri Lammeyer, Erick Schindler, Rob Fontana, Heather Romnick and of course our wonderful St. Anthony School Parents/Guardians. Thank you all for helping make this incredible production possible.

Christmas cheer continued to ring through the school on Dec. 17th & 18th as our "Little Angels" performed for family and friends.

Thank you to the parents and students who supervised on December 19th for the Staff Christmas Lunch.

Thank you to everyone who donated scarves, mittens, toys and socks to the Giving Tree. Thank you Tina Smith, Zee-hyun Priesen and Elaine Howorko for assisting our students in creating quilts that were raffled off. \$875.00 was raised and will go towards the Shark Park. Congratulations grade 4 class on your Pie Recipe Plans. Jacob Buys won first place out of all the schools in Drayton Valley! Kelly Huxley won second place for the class and Jack Thomson won third place for the class.

News from the Shark Tank. Running club will resume Monday January 12th from 3:30-4:30.

School Council News & Notes.
St. Anthony school council wanted to take a moment during this busy season of giving, to thank those who contributed to the success of our 6th annual Winter Wonderland Fair. With the help of the many sponsors, volunteers, participants, and guests the Winter Wonderland Fair was a huge success. We wish you all very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! From the staff and students at St. Anthony School a tremendous "Thank You" to our Parent Council for all the work invested in making our Winter Wonderland Fair a huge success.

St. Anthony Fundraising Goals have been sold, the show has been sold, and the grand prize winner is Kaden Perryman from Mrs. Seymour's class. Gift certificates were (10 no participation) Beckett girls, Emily Polter, Jacob Kobersnik, Lucas Erick, Karen Huxley and Arianna Ward. The classes winning the Pizza Party Lunch for together

setting the most cards was Miss Seymour and Mrs. Hudson.

Please join us for the first Council meeting of 2015, Monday January 19th at 7:00 pm. As always, baby-sitting will be provided.

Important Reminders
Our school doors will open at 8:20 am, registration and prayer will begin at 8:35 am and dismissal will be at 3:20 pm.

Please ensure your child has "weather appropriate" clothing and foot wear with them every day. An extra set of clothes is always a good idea to have in their backpacks.

Preventing the spread of illness in schools is critical to keeping everyone as healthy as possible. Please do your part by keeping your child/children home when they are unwell. It is important that we keep our school safe for everyone. You can help by letting us know if your child is diagnosed with influenza, strep throat, chicken pox, pertussis, measles, impetigo, fifth disease, hand foot & mouth or pinworms. Remember to call the school every day that your child will be absent. Make sure the school has your current contact information in case your child was to become ill or injured at school.

All messages need to arrive at the main office before lunch hour. This way we can make sure that your child gets this message without being disrupted from their class and ensuring they receive the message before the end of the day. Only in cases of emergency will we call your child out of class. Staff welcomes opportunities to meet and discuss your child's program, but DO NOT interrupt classes to speak to your child's teacher. Please leave a message in the office for the teacher to call and make an appointment.

Office hours are 8:00-4:00. Parents please make sure you call the office or email kerlene@seanagowithsp.ca. If your child will be late or absent, if you have reached the answering machine please leave a message so staff are available to answer the phone.

Important Dates to Remember
December 22 till January 2 - Christmas Vacation
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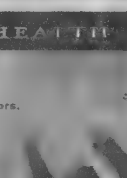
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The Drayton Valley Community Outreach School hosted a fundraising barbecue last month with proceeds going to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program. Last week outreach school principal Pat Jeffery (left) along with a student (centre) presented a cheque to the general manager at Canadian Tire, Justin Lameroux, worth \$392.

PASSING THE BUCK



Drayton Valley Wrestling Club assistant coach Keenan Taylor (second from left) collected a cheque worth \$7,000 last week from Secure Energy Services to purchase a wrestling mat for the club. The club operates privately with a wide range of fighters from ages 5 to 16. The club meets three times a week at NW Pickup. With about 25 members currently, the club is open to new members.

Got a news tip?

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Please quote file number: 00358613

Further information regarding this project can be obtained

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Statements filed regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public. Statements should explain why the filer is directly affected and provide the filer's printed name, phone number and/or email address, postal address and legal land location of the filer. Failure to file statements of concern may affect the right to file a notice of appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board.

advice

The gardener's wish list

Each year I publish my wish list for the gardeners in your Christmas list and receive a great response. In an effort to not let you down, here is the current edition.

Think Green

Gardeners grow stuff. They read about it, they follow in the dirt (in a good way), share their success stories, and they dream of a better garden no matter how successful they are currently. This list will provide some ideas as to where the tug-of-war is.

A trip to your local hardware store or garden centre reveals a plethora of great gift ideas for Green thumbs. The hand tool section offers quality hand pruners, stainless steel weed diggers, and (my favourite) 'scoops' that move a large volume of soil without all of the effort of a small trowel.

The glove aisle reveals great improvements in glove design, especially for women. It is true that many female gardeners enjoy a manicure from time to time and as a result they like to protect their hands, fingers, and (most importantly) nails with gloves that feature reinforced finger tips, tough material on the palms and water resistance through out. Non-gardeners are surprised at how much scratching we do in the soil, especially when digging holes for spring planting of bedding plants and small perennials. Soil is almost always wet and the scratching is necessary to get the hole 'just right' for planting. That is where the reinforced finger tips come in.

Speaking of pruners, look for a good gardening knife and sharpener. I have made it habit to carry a pocket knife on my belt every time I go out into the garden. It is amazing how often I use it to open bags, remove lower leaves from plants, chard and spinach plants, open seed packets and even to scrape dirt

off of something important like my hand pruners (there they are again!) There is a new sharpening service on the market that protects your knuckles on the downstroke AND provides an excellent edge to all cutting tools: a Mark's Choice All-Purpose Too Sharpener for less than \$20 you can't go wrong.

Wander into the seed section and look over the herb growing kits. These are easy to grow in any sunny window despite the low angle of our winter sun. You will also find 'cat grass' kits and seed packets there. Buy some for the cat loving gardeners on your list. It is SO easy to grow and every cat loves it.

Speaking of seeds, unless you know your gardening friends really well, it is best not to guess what vegetables or flowers they would like to grow next spring. Better to defer to a gift card and let them choose early in the New Year. Perusing the seed racks is a fun way for gardeners to waste some time mid-winter. I know I'll be there.

Read This year there is no shortage of great garden-related books. Look for Bees Make the Best Pets, all the buzz about being resilient, collaborative, industrious, generous and sweet - straight from the hive! Jack Mingo, Conari Press.

Therapeutic Landscapes, an evidence-based approach to designing healing gardens and restorative outdoor spaces. By Clare Cooper Marcus and Naomi A. Scahill. For people who are serious about the healing power of

the gardening experience. Published by Wiley Press.

Timing Wildflowers, bringing the beauty and splendour of nature's blooms into your own backyard. Hands-on experience for more than 25 years has taught author Miriam Goldberger a thing or two. All worth sharing in this great Canadian tome. Great pictures, too. St. Lynn's Press.

Author Sonia Day has been busy hanging out edgy, colourfully written work (isn't all of her work edgy and colourful?) and this year she did not disappoint. Look for Deer Eyes, Sonia's first novel. A suspenseful tale about a deer hunter who meets a botanical artist from New York. Intriguing! In a way only Sonia can pull off. Self published.

For Kids What Pumpkins Dream By Jeff Kendall and Clare Galloway. This book is about letting go, acceptance of our own place in the world and nourishment. It is fun and well illustrated. Self published: ISBN #1499652704

My most recent book is not about gardening. I have written 21 books now and this biography of Hugh Hefner's life is a first. Title: Extra Ordinary. Hugh is a D-Day veteran, is 96 years old, lives in the same house that he was born in, and has lived a full and fascinating life. Twenty dollars will buy you this biography and all of the proceeds go directly to SHARE Agriculture Foundation (which he helped to start up 35 years ago). Go to www.shareagriculture.org to order a copy. It is a quick, entertaining and informative read.

Merry Christmas and remember, blessed it is the gift.

Mark Cullen appears on Canada AM every Wednesday morning at 8:40. He is spokesperson for Home Hardware Lawn and Garden. Sign up for his free monthly newsletter at www.markcullen.com.



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He leaves to cherish his memory son Ray (Holy)
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Mervyn was predeceased by his wife Alice in 2010 and
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BEVAN, Mervyn Ronald
August 29, 1923 - December 10, 2014
Peacefully on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at the
Breton Long Term Care, Breton, Alberta, Mervyn Bevan
formerly of Buck Creek at the age of 91 years.
He leaves to cherish his memory son Ray (Holy)
grandchildren Greg and Kelsey (Mike), sister in law
Helen Wisnitsz, nephews David (Wendy) and Dale
(Celeste)
Mervyn was predeceased by his wife Alice in 2010 and
by his brothers Wilfred and Leslie. Funeral services
were held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 1:00
p.m. from the Drayton Valley Legion Branch 269,
Drayton Valley, Alberta with Pastor Seth Shelley officiating. Interment in the
Riverview Cemetery. If friends so desire memorial donations may be made to the
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And you, took the Master's hand,
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We'll never cease to miss you,
And shed many silent tears.
Because we cannot share with you
Our hopes, our joys, our fears
But one day, in God's garden,
When the Master calls us to come
You'll be at the gates with open arms
And say to us, "Welcome Home!"
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Brad, Sharon, Sydney, Carson and Brian

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no one can take away
A smile we will always remember,
a voice we will always recall
Our memories to treasure forever,
of one so dear to us all
In tears we saw you sinking,
we watched you fade away
You suffered much in silence,
your humour did not bend
You faced your task with courage,
until the very end
So when we saw you shining,
peaceful and free from pain
We could not wait for you back
to suffer that again
Love you always
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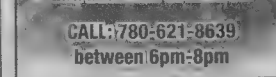
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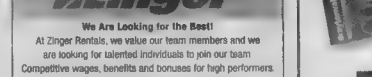


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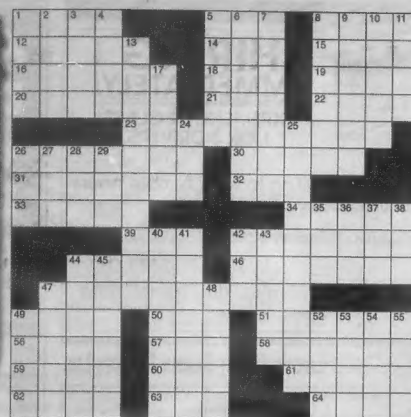
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8. "Hair" producer Joseph

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15. Capital of Samoa

16. Roving adventurously

18. Help

19. Dialecting noises

20. Spanish neighborhood

21. Portable computer

22. 20th Hebrew letter

23. "Blue Bloods" lead actor

26. Scholarly

30. Raleigh NC river

31. Alongside each other

32. Electronics Support

Module

33. Dogma

34. New Deal statesman

Harold

39. A corporation's first

stock offer

Down

42. Slender tower with

balconies

44. Young eel

46. Deviation from the

normal

47. CBS police drama

49. Cliff

50. Resting place

51. Island in Venice

56. 1981-82 Sec. of State

57. Young man

58. Skylighted central area

59. Only skin disorder

60. East northwest

61. 1945 Crimean

conference city

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Across

4. Practice fight

5. Dinners

6. Hermaphrodite

7. Centers

8. Fathers (Spanish)

9. For each one

10. SW Belarus city

11. Australian slang for a

kiss

13. Ability to begin

17. Short whistle blasts

18. More peculiar

20. Were introduced

25. Glowing quality

28. Ingest

27. Relative biological

effectiveness

28. Fooled vase

29. River in NE Scotland

35. English Unit, river

36. Malaysian lichen

37. Soft-finned fish

38. Eyelid infection

40. Fred & Wilma's baby

41. New __, Louisiana

city

42. Tee-tung or Zedong

43. Hindu weather god

44. __ May, actress

45. Hauled laboriously

47. One suspender

48. More peculiar

49. N. Central African

country

52. Macaw genius

53. Rhythmic swing or

cadence

54. Ballerina skirt

55. Arabian sultanate

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S 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
E 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0



HOROSCOPES

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Aries, you feel amazing this week. Your enthusiasm can be quite contagious, and many friends may come calling in the hopes that your good vibes rub off.

Taurus - Apr 21/May 21
You may have difficulty solving a difficult problem at work this week, Taurus. Take a methodical approach, and the solution will come to you before you know it.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Things may not have been going your way, Gemini, but there is still no reason for disappointment. You will find a way to bounce back from these setbacks in a few days.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, your presence alone is enough to impress people this week. Focus all of your energy on positive things, and you will accomplish quite a bit before the week is over.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, now is a good time to assess your health goals and make a few plans for the new year. It's within reason to change your diet or start a new exercise regimen.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sep 22
Incredible efficiency this week has you zipping through your to-do list, Virgo. Enjoy some relaxation time once you have completed all your projects.

LIBRA - Sep 23/Oct 23
Work and family issues are on your mind, Libra. Find ways to balance work and family as best as you possibly can. Don't be hard on yourself if you cannot manage everything.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, this week is a great time to complete projects that have been on your plate for quite some time. All you really need to do is set your mind on them.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you may feel rushed by external pressures, but it's really up to you to set your own pace. If you keep a calm head, things will fall in place and you can complete your tasks.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
This week some people close to you need a little space. Honor their requests and show them some respect, Capricorn. Your relationships will weather the time apart.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 19
Aquarius, things are bound to move quickly once you get a plan in motion. Get all of your ducks in a row to make a smooth transition. You may have to do some homework.

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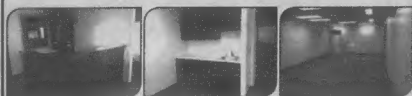
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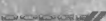
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